Writ Petitions in various High Courts against the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987

2411. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some parties, particularly businessmen, have filed writ petitions in various High Courts against the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 and the Reservation Order;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for which Government are not moving the various High Courts in this regard where this Act is being challenged by the various parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) A number of Writ Petitions were filed by different parties, including private sector cement units, synthetic packaging units and fertilizer units in various High Courts. Government moved the Supreme Court, got these cases transferred for vacating the interim stay orders as well as for final disposal of the Writ Petitions. The Supreme Court passed orders on 10th May, 1988 vacating the interim stays granted by various High Courts.

New Area to be brought under Tea Plantation

2412. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area to be brought under fresh tea plantation and also replantation, State-wise;

(b) the amount so far earmarked for this purpose: and

(c) by when these schemes are to be taken up and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The State-wise estimated area to be brought under new planting and also under replantation during the Seventh Five Year Plan is as below:—

State	New planting Area in Hectares	Replanting Arean in Hectares
Assam	11050	8975
West Bengal	3500	3950
Tripura	775	500
Others (HP, UP and Sikkim)	5200	325
Tamil Nadu	1900	950
Kerala	1600	900
Karnataka	250	..
Non- Traditional Area (Manipur, Arunachal, Mizoram, Nagaland and Orissa)	3500	..